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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S TRIP TO NAMIBIA

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1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA VISITED NAMIBIA
JULY 12 TO DISCUSS STATUS OF NAMIBIA TALKS WITH TURNHALLE
DELEGATES. HE SAID IT WAS NOW POSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH
ALL BASIC DEMANDS WHICH HAD LED TO NAMIBIAN DISPUTE
"PROVIDED REASON AND FAIRNESS PREVAIL". END SUMMARY

2. JULY 13 PRESS REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA HAD
BRIEFED TURNHALLE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE JULY 12 ON
STATUS OF NAMIBIA TALKS DURING HIS VISIT TO WINDHOEK.
AFTER THE TWO-AND-ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING, WHICH HE DES-
CRIBED AS "USEFUL AND PLEASANT", BOTHA WAS ASKED AT A
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PRESS CONFERENCE WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN NEGOTIA-
TIONS LEADING TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.
HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOW POSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH ALL
THE BASIC DEMANDS WHICH HAD LED TO THE 30 YEAR OLD SWA/
NAMIBIA DISPUTE "PROVIDED THAT REASON AND FAIRNESS
PREVAIL". HE SAID HE WAS UNSURE WHEN THE NEXT ROUND OF
TALKS WITH THE BIG FIVE WESTERN POWERS WOULD TAKE PLACE,

SINCE SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT IT. BUT,
HE SAID, THE TALKS ARE A CONTINUING PROCESS.

3. BOTHA REFUSED TO COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD
MEET WITH THE CHURCH LEADERS WHO HAD PROPOSED AN ALTERNA-
TIVE POLITICAL FORMULA FOR SQA/NAMIBIA (REFTEL). HE SAID
AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HE NEGOTIATED ONLY WITH
THE TURNHALLE, BUT HE ADDED, "WE ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO
INFORM FULLY AND HONESTLY THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT
IS HAPPENING". BOWDLER

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